

## PROF. MOORE LEADS FOR LEAGUE BENCH

Elihu Root's Name Left Out of Consideration by His Own Request.

PLEADS HE IS TOO OLD

Columbia Man Preferred Over Roscoe Pound by Big Nations.

HARVARD DEAN UNKNOWN

World Court Following Great Legal Systems Gives Way to Political Quest.

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

GENEVA, Sept. 12.—In all probability John Bassett Moore will be elected on Wednesday to one of the much coveted places on the new International Court of Justice, despite the fact that the United States has not taken any steps toward ratifying the pact.

The name of Elihu Root was removed from all consideration to-day by a personal cable message sent by Mr. Root to Manley O. Hudson, who is here as American observer. A canvass of the leading nations, however, shows that all are convinced that an American should be one of the eleven judges. An investigation by THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent here showed that England, France, Italy and Japan would vote for Prof. Moore. There are now eight candidates. A majority of the nations are certain to include on their list one American.

In the message to Dr. Hudson Mr. Root said that he could not become a candidate for a place on the court because of his advanced age, which is 76.

### Propaganda for Pound.

Interest in the elections has become intense, with national and racial pride, as well as all manner of political considerations, playing a great part. The only danger in the selection of an American apparently lies in the efforts being made by a small American group in the secretariat, all Harvard men, who are conducting propaganda for Dean Roscoe Pound of the Harvard Law School, which has impressed some of the small nations, although Arthur J. Balfour of Great Britain, when approached, said he had never heard of Prof. Pound. On the other hand, Prof. Moore is widely known and recognized as an international authority.

Wellington Koo has been active in behalf of Prof. Moore and told THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent here he had no doubt of Prof. Moore's election, having talked with many of the delegations. The council meets simultaneously with the assembly on Wednesday, and investigation to-day showed that with four permanent members of the council intending to vote for Prof. Moore there is no doubt that his name will emerge on the successful list of that body. The electioneering not only shows how important the court already is regarded as the first really successful step made in the cause of peaceful adjudications of disputes, but also shows how far away the nations assembled in Geneva are getting from the original concept of the authors of the court scheme with regard to the manner in which this world court is being formed.

### Politics Ruling.

In this concept, as in the case of men like Mr. Root, the election was to be decided of all political considerations, the members of the court being chosen solely on a basis of political expediency, such as the English Neoplatonists, Spanish, Mohammedan or Oriental. Instead of this, however, votes have been swapped here as at any convention, entirely on a basis of politics. It is actually the five principal powers, including the United States, must be represented regardless of their legal codes and that a certain balance of political power must be preserved in the remaining places of the court.

Just how this will result in the revision of different kinds of jurisprudence nobody knows, but it is obvious that the court will be more political than idealistic. Interest in the election has overshadowed the proceedings of the Assembly, which continue to be characterized by a lot of defensive speeches, largely based upon the tone of refusal, which the league turned out last year, without obtaining, however, any definite object.

This was the burden of a long speech by Leon Bourgeois, French delegate, to-day. He described the league as gaining in importance every day and inferentially complimented the United States for following the league in the matter of disarmament and for being inspired by the same principles as members of the league.

The real speech here on disarmament will be made by Rene Viviani of France, who is preparing an address on France's position, which is to be made known here in advance of the Washington conference on the limitation of armament.

### ASSEMBLY RECEIVES ROOT'S DECLINATION

U. S. Might Do Better Than Criticize, Says Indian Delegate

By the Associated Press.

GENEVA, Sept. 12.—The contents of the despatch from Elihu Root declining to accept election to the International Court of Justice, was made known informally to the delegates before the session of the Assembly opened this morning, and there were many expressions of regret over his refusal to accept a place on the court, the election of judges to which will be held on Wednesday. Some delegates to the Assembly, notably Estan da Cunha of Brazil, declared to-day they favored the election of Mr. Root, despite his disclaimer, as an honor.

In view of the fact that some of the delegates, including those of several South American nations, still think Mr. Root should be elected in the hope that he might change his mind afterward as to acceptance of the post, it was considered probable to-day that an effort would be made among the delegates to decide upon a unanimous course to be taken.

The Assembly of the League of Nations to-day heard a great deal about the United States and the proposed conference in Washington in November in connection with the league work on disarmament, and also with reference to criticism in America on the work of the league. It was the most picturesque session of this meeting.

Srinavasa Sastry, a native Indian law-

## Pooling of World's Ideas Now Proposed in League

Special Cable to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

GENEVA, Sept. 12.—Far fetched schemes of idealism are appearing at the League of Nations meeting which disgust some of the members. Last year it was the pooling of raw materials which was effectively squelched. This year it is the coordination of all the world's intellectual efforts, this being the scheme advanced by Leon Bourgeois of the French delegation, but believed to have originated with M. La Fontaine, the Belgian Socialist.

A sub-commission actually has adopted a report recommending that the league coordinate all the intellectual ideas from all parts of the globe, although some of the members of the commission admitted that they did not know what it was all about.

The Canadian delegation will protest to-morrow against this sort of thing being loaded on the league, contending it is an effective way to kill the organization.

yet, wearing the Indian costume and speaking perfect English with an eloquence rarely equaled by English orators, had the floor at the morning session. He suggested that the United States might do something more practical than merely criticize what the league was doing or had failed to do, in connection with mandates, hinting at a difference of views on this question between India and her sister dominion, South Africa, which is one of the mandatory powers.

Count Gimeno, a Spanish delegate, stirred the South Americans as they had never before been stirred in the Assembly debates by his praise of the league's work.

Gustave Ador, former President of Switzerland, was elected honorary president of the Assembly to-day.

## TWO BOMBS THROWN AT COREA GOVERNOR

Hurled Into Seoul Building, Where Admiral Saito Assumes Duties.

By the Associated Press.

SEOUL, Korea, Sept. 12.—An attempt upon the life of Admiral Baron Minoru Saito, Governor of Korea, was made to-day by a Korean, who threw two bombs at the rooms in the Government Building where Gov. Saito was assuming his duties after his return here from the country. The Governor was not injured.

One of the bombs landed in the accountant's division, its explosion causing considerable damage, the missile breaking through the ceiling of the paymaster's department.

The other bomb, which landed in the secretariat division, did not explode. The bomb thrower, who so far has escaped arrest, was apparently familiar with the general layout of the Government compound. The police have begun an organized search for him.

In September, 1919, an attempt was made to assassinate Admiral Baron Saito and his wife as they were leaving the railway station at Seoul upon the Baron's arrival in Korea to assume his duties soon after his appointment. The bomb exploded under the Governor's carriage. No one was killed and neither the Governor nor his wife was injured, but several persons were wounded by the explosion, including William Harrison, brother of Carter Harrison of Chicago, and his wife, who received slight flesh wounds.

By the Associated Press.

TOKYO, Sept. 12.—The arrest of forty extreme Socialists, mostly Japanese, but some of them Koreans, was featured to-day by the newspapers, which allege the arrests were connected with a serious sedition plot. The newspapers say officials declared the plot to be the most important conspiracy since the anarchist movement against Emperor Mutsuhito in 1900.

## BESSARABIA PLACED AT WAR WITH SOVIET

White Russia in Insurrection, London Hears.

By the Associated Press.

RIGA, Sept. 12.—The Russian Soviet Government has declared a state of war in Bessarabia in the Rumanian frontier zone.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—White Russia is the scene of an insurrection against the Soviet authorities, says a Warsaw despatch to the Daily Mail. The trouble began, it is said, as a result of forcible food levies by the Bolsheviks. The inhabitants of this section of Russia fought to protect their supplies and the insurrection is declared to be spreading. Bolshevik commissars constantly are being murdered, the despatch declares, and the Soviet authorities are fighting the insurrection by all possible means, there being many mass executions reported.

## BAVARIAN CABINET OUT ON FEDERAL DECREES

Rejection of Compromise With Berlin Causes Crisis.

By the Associated Press.

MUNICH, Bavaria, Sept. 12.—The entire Bavarian Cabinet resigned to-day.

BERLIN, Sept. 12.—The decision of Dr. von Kahr, Premier of Bavaria, to announce his retirement from the Government was a result of the rejection by the German National People's party and Bavarian People's party representatives in the Cabinet of the compromise reached at the conference held here last week between delegates from the Bavarian Ministry and members of the German Federal Government.

This conference decided that the decree issued by President Ebert conferring exceptional powers upon the German Cabinet should continue in force for the time being because of the threatening conditions in Franconia, which includes the northernmost districts of Bavaria.

## THOUSANDS LOSE HOMES IN CYCLONE

Heavy Damage Done Also to Shipping Along Windward Islands.

By the Associated Press.

ST. VINCENT, Windward Islands, Sept. 10 (Delayed).—Coastal communication has been resumed, bringing confirmation of the extensive damage on land and sea caused by the cyclonic storm which swept over these islands on Thursday last. Few fatalities are reported, but thousands of persons have been made homeless by the storm.

Barbados, Trinidad, Grenada and St. Lucia experienced the storm with the same intensity as St. Vincent. Considerable loss was caused to West Indian vessels. At Barbados there was extensive damage to the wharves, and at Hastings, to the south of Bridgetown, the crush of water halted street car traffic.

Four Colonial vessels already have been found totally wrecked, and of the many missing eight are believed to have been lost. At the different islands many small craft, such as lighters and fishing boats, were sunk or driven ashore, especially at Trinidad and Tobago, an island to the northeast of Trinidad.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—The tropical storm which has been raging in the Caribbean Sea since last Thursday was said to-day by the Weather Bureau to have undoubtedly done considerable damage yesterday on the Island of Hayti. Reports of damage had not been received, however, by the bureau. The storm is moving northeastward, and will not reach the coast of the United States, Weather Bureau officials said.

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta, Sept. 12.—Wheat threshing operations were checked throughout this region to-day by a snow fall of five inches. Cutting of the wheat crop had been completed within the storm area.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—Reports of storms raging in various parts of Europe and

Africa were received here to-day, indicating in some cases severe injury to persons and heavy property damage. In Brussels, a hurricane tore loose the central nave of a church and sent it crashing down, killing four persons and injuring many others. Elsewhere in Belgium the wind ripped down chimneys and roofs and caused injuries. Official announcements declare the storm was the most severe known in Belgium in recent years. It lasted about two hours.

A heavy snow storm over most of the Orinoco Free State, Natal and parts of Cape Colony and the Transvaal was reported in advices from Cape Town. In supposedly semi-tropical districts railway cars were rimmed with snow, the snowfall in the Transvaal having lasted fifteen hours.

All of the trains were delayed by the storm, and Pietermaritzburg, capital of Natal, was isolated from rail and wire communication with the north for several days.

## SPANIARDS DEFEAT MOORISH TRIBESMEN

Win Initial Victory in New Offensive.

By the Associated Press.

MADRID, Sept. 12.—The Spanish forces in the Melilla zone in Morocco, after a brilliant operation in their new offensive, which began to-day against the rebellious Moorish tribesmen, have occupied the line of Rasquivilana-Zoco-Arba, says an official statement on the fighting issued to-day. The troops were assisted by Spanish war vessels.

LONDON, Sept. 12.—The Central News Madrid correspondent gives a further official statement on the fighting in Morocco. It says:

"The enemy is in flight before our artillery, abandoning villages, harvested grain and booty. The enemy left numerous dead on the field. The Spanish losses were insignificant."

MELILLA, Morocco, Sept. 12.—The Riff tribesmen are making active preparations to resist the new offensive by the Spaniards in the Melilla zone.

## MOPLAH REBELS ON MARCH.

MADRAS, Sept. 12.—The Madras Mail has received a report from Calicut, near the scene of the recent Moplah disorders, saying more than 1,000 rebels have been observed moving toward Palaghab.



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